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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competition is fundamental to the technology landscape that has brought the US so much. Favoring large corporations in the broadband market will increase inequalities already seen in this space, to the detriment not only of small broadband competitors but consumers in general.

As a consumer, I have benefitted from existing competition. Indeed, my ISP has benefitted too -- it could not have moved from DSL to fiber without consumers eager for a choice in markets where only one or two choices exist.

Better broadband is required if the US is to be able to hold its own against the strong investments in internet infrastructure around the world. We are clearly behind; the toll on our capabilities is already being felt.

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